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1. DECEMBER 18 MASS-CIRCULATION (LIBERAL) MILLIYET CARRIES AN
EXCLUSIVE REPORT FROM ATHENS ENTITLED "PROFESSOR ALEXANDRIDES HAS
NO OFFICIAL CAPACITY WHATSOEVER". THE PAGE 6 ARTICLE STATES THAT
FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES IN ATHENS WERE UNANIMOUSLY OF THE VIEW
THAT PROF. ALEXANDRIDES "HAD NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO ANY NEW AND
OFFICIAL POSITION," AND QUOTES "CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN ATHENS" AS CONFIRMING THAT PROF. ALEXANDRIDES WAS
NOT THERE IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. ARTICLE ALSO NOTES THAT THE
FACT THAT PROF. ALEXANDRIDES STAYED IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE RATHER
THAN IN A HOTEL IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT HIS VISIT WAS OF A PERSONAL

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NATURE.

2. SO FAR, WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY OTHER PRESS REPORTS OF THIS
NATURE, IN CONTRAST TO PROMINENT AND WIDESPREAD TURKISH COVERAGE
GIVEN TO PROF. ALEXANDRIDES'S STATEMENTS IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA
AS "CARTER'S ADVISOR ON CYPRUS AND GREEK AFFAIRS" (REF A).
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